

# House File 95 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a temporary initial teaching license to be  
2 issued by the board of educational examiners to applicants  
3 who complete alternative teacher certification programs.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   272.17   Temporary initial license  
2 for applicants who complete an alternative teacher certification  
3 program.

4     1. The board shall grant a temporary initial teaching  
5 license to an applicant who meets all of the following  
6 requirements:

7     a. The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an  
8 accredited college or university.

9     b. The applicant has successfully completed an alternative  
10 teacher certification program that includes all of the  
11 following:

12     (1) The required content training in the area in which the  
13 applicant seeks to be licensed.

14     (2) Pedagogy training, including an examination, that  
15 teaches effective instructional delivery, classroom management  
16 and organization, assessment, instructional design, and  
17 professional learning and leadership.

18     2. An institution of higher education under the control of  
19 the state board of regents or an accredited private institution  
20 as defined in section 261.9 may provide an alternative teacher  
21 certification program and the requirements described in  
22 subsection 3 shall not apply to such a program.

23     3. To be considered an alternative teacher certification  
24 program for purposes of this section, an alternative teacher  
25 certification program that is not provided by an institution  
26 of higher education under the control of the state board of  
27 regents, or an accredited private institution as defined in  
28 section 261.9, shall meet all of the following requirements:

29     a. The alternative teacher certification program must  
30 operate in at least five states.

31     b. The alternative teacher certification program must have  
32 been in operation for at least five years.

33     4. An individual who successfully completes an alternative  
34 teacher certification program and who is granted a temporary  
35 initial teaching license by the board under this section is

1 authorized to teach the subjects and grade levels that the  
2 individual successfully completed during the alternative  
3 teacher certification program.

4 5. The board shall treat an individual who successfully  
5 completes an alternative teacher certification program and who  
6 is granted a temporary initial teaching license by the board  
7 under this section in the same manner as an individual who  
8 completes a traditional teacher preparation program and who  
9 receives an initial teaching license, including during the  
10 process of converting the temporary initial teaching license  
11 to a standard teaching license.

12 Sec. 2. Section 272.28, Code 2023, is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 **272.28 Licensure beyond a temporary initial license or an**  
15 **initial license.**

16 1. Requirements for teacher licensure beyond a temporary  
17 initial license or an initial license shall include successful  
18 completion of a beginning teacher mentoring and induction  
19 program approved by the state board of education pursuant to  
20 section 284.5; or two years of successful teaching experience  
21 in a school district with an approved career paths, leadership  
22 roles, and compensation framework or approved comparable system  
23 as provided in [section 284.15](#); or evidence of not less than  
24 three years of successful teaching experience at any of the  
25 following:

26 a. An accredited nonpublic school in this state.

27 b. A preschool program approved by the United States  
28 department of health and human services.

29 c. Preschool programs at school districts approved to  
30 participate in the preschool program under [chapter 256C](#).

31 d. Shared visions programs receiving grants from the child  
32 development coordinating council under [section 256A.3](#).

33 e. Preschool programs receiving moneys from the school  
34 ready children grants account of the early childhood Iowa fund  
35 created in [section 256I.11](#).



1 initial teaching license.  
2 Code section 272.28 establishes requirements for teacher  
3 licensure beyond an initial license. Pursuant to current  
4 Code section 272.28, the requirements for teacher licensure  
5 beyond an initial license include successful completion of a  
6 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program; two years  
7 of successful teaching experience in a school district with  
8 an approved career paths, leadership roles, and compensation  
9 framework; or evidence of not less than three years of  
10 successful teaching experience with certain specified programs.  
11 The bill modifies Code section 272.28 to impose these same  
12 requirements on individuals attempting to obtain teacher  
13 licensure beyond a temporary initial teaching license.